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11. (SBU) EconPolCouns delivered reftel demarche on September 12 to the MFA's DAS-level Middle East Director, Wolfgang Lapuh. Lapuh said there was virtually "full agreement" between the U.S. and Austria -- and, for that matter, the U.S. and the EU -- on the points we reviewed. He noted that the EU Neighborhood Policy Action Plan had always treated the Lebanese government as fully responsible for all of Lebanon, and this was fully congruent with a broader effort to encourage the government to assume this role.

12. (SBU) Lapuh said Austria had committed a total of 900,000 Euros to relief in Lebanon. This included 400,000 Euros toward the removal of unexploded ordnance (UXO).
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